Government take action in cases where such nexus comes to light. In a number of such cases proceedings/ prosecutions have been initiated from time to time against different persons. Our agencies continue to take action in such cases under the laws of the country as contemplated

(c) and (d). No. Sir, in view of (a) and (b) above.

[Translation]

Scheme for Production of Pulses

2612. SHRI LALIT ORAON Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to boost the production of pulses in low irrigated areas in the country particularly in Bihar,

(b) if so, the details thereof.

(c) the names of areas selected so far for inclusion in the scheme, State-wise and

(d) the funds allocated for the implementation of the scheme, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) (a) A Centrally Sponsored National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) is being implemented by the Government of India for increasing the production of pulses in the country including the low irrigated areas. The project also covers the State of Bihar

(b) Through NPDP, assistance is being provided to the farmers for the use of certified seeds, seed treating chemical, rhizobium culture, micro-nutrients, improved farm implements, sprinkler irrigation sets, etc. Besides, field demonstration and farmers training are also being organised for the effective transfer of improved pulses production technology

(c) The names of areas/districts covered under NPDP in different states are given in the attached statement-I.

(d) Funds allocated to the states under NPDP for 1996-97 are given in the attached statement-II

STATEMENT-I

List of the Districts/Areas Covered under NPDP-1996-97

S.No.	Andhra Pradesh	Bihar	Gujarat	Haryana	Karnataka
1.	Adilabad	Bhagalpur	Ahmedabad	Bhiwani	Bidar
2.	Anantapur	Darbhanga	Amreli	Hissar	Bijapur
3.	Chittoor	Gumla	Banaskatha	Sirsa	Bangalore Urban
4.	Cuddapah	Gaya	Baroda		Bangalore Rural
5.	East Godavari	Katihar	Bharuch		Belgaum
6.	Guntur	Muzaffarpur	Bhavnagar		Bellary
7.	Koimnagar	Madhubani	Jamnagar		Chitradurga
8.	Khammam	Purnea	Junagarh		Chikkamangalur
9.	Krishna	Patna	Kheda		Dharwar
10.	Kornool	Rohtas	Kutch-Buj		Dakohina Kannada
11.	Medak	Ranchi	Mehsana		Gulbarga
12.	Mehbobnagar	Saharsa	Rajkot		Hasan
13.	Nalagonda	Samastipur	Panchmahal		Kolar
14.	Nellora	Vaishali	Sabarkantha		Mysore
15.	Nizamabad		Surat		Mandya
16.	Prakasam		Surendranagar		Raichur
17.	Rangareddy				Shimoga
18.	Srikakulam				Tumkur
19.	Vishakhapatnam				Uttar Kannada
20.	Vizianagaram				
21.	Warangal				
22.	West Godavari				

List of Districts/Areas Covered under NPDP-1996-97

S No	Madhya Pradesh	Maharashtra	Orissa	Punjab	Rajasthan
1	Bilaspur	Aurangabad	Balasore	Faridkot	Alwar
2	Bhind	Akola	Bolangir	Ludiana	Ajmer
3	Bastar	Amravati	Cuttack	Rapad	Bharatpur
4	Bhopal	Ahmednagar	Dhenkanal		Bhilwara
5	Balaghat	Beed	Ganjam		Bundi
6	Chindwara	Buddanaz	Keonjhar		Banswara
7	Chattarpur	Bhandara	Koraput		Barmer
8	Durg	Chandrapur	Kalahandi		Saran
9	Damoh	Dhule	Mayurbhanj		Churu
10	Dhar	Jalgaon	Puri		Chittor
11	Datia	Jalna	Phulbani		Dausa
12	Dewas	Latur	Sambalpur		Ganganagar
13	Guna	Nagpur	Sundargarh		Jhunjhunu
14	Gwalior	Nanded			Jaipur
15	Hussangabad	Nasik			Jhalawar
16	Indore	Osmanabad			Jodhpur
17	Jabalpur	Parbhani			Kota
18	Khargaon	Pune			Nagor
19	Jhabua	Sholapur			Sil
20	Khandwa	Sangli			Sawaimadhopur
21	Mandoore	Satara			Tonk
22	Mandla	Wardha			Udaipur
23	Morena	Yeotmal			Durgapur
24	Narsingpur	Kolhapur			
25	Panna				
26	Raisen				
27	Raigarh				
28	Rewa				
29	Rajnandgaon				
30	Ratlam				
31	Raipur				
32	Rajgarh				
33	Sagar				
34	Sajanpur				
35	Shivpuri				
36	Sehore				
37	Satna				
38	Sarguja				
39	Seoni				
40	Sidhi				
41	Shahdol				
42	Tikamgarh				
43	Ujjain				
44	Vidisa				

List of the Districts/Areas Covered under NPDP-1996-97

S.No.	Tamil Nadu	Uttar Pradesh	West Bengal	States/UTs taken up as one district
1.	Coimbatore	Allahabad	Malda	Assam
2.	Chengai-Anna	Agra	Murshidabad	Arunachal Pradesh
3.	Dharampuri	Azamgarh	Nadia	Andaman & Nicobar Islands
4.	Dhindigal-Anna	Aligarh		Delhi
5.	Kattabomman	Banda		Goa
6.	Kamarajar	Basti		Himachal Pradesh
7.	Madurai	Badaun		Jammu & Kashmir
8.	North Arcot (Ambethkar)	Bahraich		Kerala
9.	Nagapattinam-Quaid	Etawa		Manipur
10.	Periyar	Etah		Meghalaya
11.	Pudukottai	Fatehpur		Nagaland
12.	Pasumpon	Ferozabad		Sikkim
13.	Ramanathapuram	Hamirpur		Tripura
14.	S.Arcot Valkular	Jalaun		
15.	Salem	Jhansi		
16.	Tiruchirapalli	Kanpur		
17.	Thanjavur	Lalitpur		
18.	Tirunelveli	Mao		
19.	Tiruvannamalai	Mirzapur		
20.	(Sambuvarayar)	Rai Bareily		
21.	Vo.Chidamparanar	Sultanpur		
22.	South Arcot Villupuram	Shahjahanpur		
23.		Sonbhadra		
24.		Sidharthnagar		
25.		Varanasi		
26.		Gonda		
27.		Hardoi		
28.		Sitapur		
29.		Barabanki		
30.		Nainital		
31.		Pithoragarh		
32.		Paurigarhwal		
33.		Mahoba		
34.		Bhadoi		
35.		Ambedkar Nagar		
36.		Balia		
37.		Gazipur		
38.		Faizabad		
39.		Udham Singh Nagar		

STATEMENT-II

Funds allocated to States so far, Under N.P.D.P. for 1996-97

(Rs. in lakhs)

S No	State	1996-97 Central Allocation
1	Andhra Pradesh	115.00
2	Arunachal Pradesh	2.00
3	Assam	10.00
4	Bihar	131.00
5	Goa	1.00
6	Gujarat	101.00
7	Haryana	35.00
8	Himachal Pradesh	15.00
9	Jammu & Kashmir	30.00
10	Karnataka	150.00
11	Kerala	11.00
12	Madhya Pradesh	550.00
13	Maharashtra	370.00
14	Manipur	20.00
15	Meghalaya	2.00
16	Negaland	12.00
17	Orissa	160.00
18	Punjab	25.00
19	Rajasthan	450.00
20	Sikkim	10.00
21	Tamil Nadu	150.00
22	Tripura	10.00
23	Uttar Pradesh	506.00
24	West Bengal	30.00
25	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1.00
26	Delhi	1.00

Marine National Park

2613. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Gulf of Mannar Marine National Park, a strip of water that separates India and Sri Lanka, is in the grip of crisis;

(b) whether trawling, operations are plundering the region's marine life and leaving in the wake of this acres of davastated ocean floor;

(c) whether the coral reefs, already under threat from the cement and tourism industries, are caving in; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in conserving the resources of this eco-system that has resulted in a dwindling catch of fish and check this dismal scenario?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) No, Sir

(b) The State Forest Department has reported that 356 trawlers are operating in the Gulf of Mannar which is affecting the marine life. The matter has been taken up by them with the State Fisheries Department to regulate fishing in the area.

(c) and (d). According to the State Forest Department the coral reefs of the area were under threat from industrial activity prior to the taking over of 14 islands by the Forest Department in 1989. Since then strict and effective steps have bene taken to control the illicit removal of corals which have yielded positive results and coral reefs are developing around the islands.

Financial Implications Involved due to Supreme Court

2614. SHRI MUKHTAR ANIS : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the present status of implementation of the Supreme Court orders on refixation of salaries of the Imams and other functionaries of Masjids;

(b) the estimated financial burden as a result thereof, State-wise; and

(c) whether the Central Government have given any grants-in-aid to any Wakf Board for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) In compliance of Hon'ble Supreme Court's direction dated 13th May, 1993 in Civil Writ Petition No. 715 of 1990 that Union of India and Central Wakf Council should prepare a scheme for payment of remuneration to Imams of different types of mosques, a scheme was prepared and submitted to the Hon'ble Court by Central Wakf Council on 02.01.1996 and by the Central Government on 05.01.1996.

(b) The responsibility for implementation of the said scheme shall lie with the appropriate State Walf Board and no estimates have so far been prepared by the State Governments or State Wakf Boards in this regard.

(c) No, Sir

[Translation]

Tortoise Safety Device

2615. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been made by his Ministry to the Ministry of Food Processing Industry for installing tortoise safety devices in prawn fishing trawlers;